

**DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY
PLUMBING BUREAU
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
1090 EAST WATERTOWER STREET, MERIDIAN, ID 83642
SEPTEMBER 9, 2005**

*The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussion at the meeting,
but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.*

DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY (DBS) EMPLOYEES: Marsi Woody, Deputy Administrator; Steve Keys, Bureau Chief; Ted Hogander, Plumbing & HVAC Bureau Chief; Gary Malmen, Electrical Bureau Chief; Jean Frenette, Public Works Program Manager; Tina Smith, Office Specialist Supervisor; Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant/Recorder

BOARD MEMBERS: Russ Firkins, Chairman; Ray Coon; Ben Schooley; Bob Livesay; Milford Terrell

GUESTS: Kay Christensen, Deputy Attorney General; Mike Kelly, Plumbers/Fitters Local Union 296; Ed and Betty Howland, Boise State University; Pat O'Neal, Studor, Inc.; Cache Olson, City of Nampa; Sherry McKibben, Sustainable Idaho; Don Burton, Kinetico; Kent Johnson, City of Boise; Jennifer Gilliland, City of Boise; Bruce Poe, Cole & Poe Architects; Dwight Perkins, IAPMO; Mike Massey, National Inspection Testing Certification Corporation (NITC); Don Stallsmith, City of Pocatello; Maria Barratt, Division of Financial Management (DFM); Jerry Peterson, Idaho Building Trades; Rose Rosco, Boise State University; Scott Canning, City of Boise; Jeff Hagood, Mr. Plumber, Inc.; Dave Logan, Ada County; Lee Rice, City of Boise

The September 9, 2005 Plumbing Board meeting was brought to order at 9:05 a.m.

The Board, DBS and DFM staff discussed the Agency's reorganization and preparation for a "One- Stop Shop".

JUNE 3, 2005 BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Mr. Coon made a motion to accept the June 3, 2005 Plumbing Board minutes. Mr. Livesay seconded. Motion unanimously carries.

AGENDA: Motion made by Mr. Terrell to accept agenda with the following revisions: Add "Financial Report" under "Old Business" and move "Elections" after "Old or New Business". Mr. Coon seconded. Motion unanimously carries.

PRESENTATION – TESTING OF CONTRACTORS/JOURNEYMEN: Mr. Mike Massey, Executive Vice President of National Inspection-Testing-Certification, made a presentation on services they provide for testing of plumbing contractors and journeymen. (Informational presentation only.)

BSU – ONE YEAR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: Ms. Rosie Rosco, Training Program Manager with Boise State University's Plumbing Apprenticeship Program, presented an idea for an 11 month full-day apprenticeship accreditation/certification program.

Mr. Terrell made a motion to continue studying the idea with the University presenting additional information/updates to the Board over the next year. Mr. Schooley seconded. Motion unanimously carries.

WATER SOFTENER DISCHARGE LINES: Brief discussion on the sizing of the drain line to the washer box to handle higher discharge capacity.

Mr. Coon made a motion to adopt a minimum three quarter inch drain line for a discharge and discharge into the appropriate location. Mr. Livesay seconded. Three ayes, one nay. Motion carries.

Mr. Terrell made a motion for the Division's Deputy Attorney General to initiate a temporary rule on the water softener discharge lines. Mr. Livesay seconded. Three ayes, one nay, motion carries.

WATERLESS URINALS: Representatives from Boise City, Ada County, U.S. Green Building Council and Sustainable Idaho made presentations supporting waterless urinals. A lengthy discussed ensued regarding the technical/operational side of the urinals and the city/county's future plans for green sustainable construction.

Mr. Terrell made a motion to continue the study on waterless urinals, have the presenters bring back additional information with a demonstration of the product and, with the Board's approval, have several waterless urinal test sites throughout Idaho for the Board's observation. Mr. Schooley seconded. Motion unanimously carries.

PITLESS ADAPTORS: Deputy Attorney General Christensen presented restructured legislation, as authorized at the June 3, 2005 Board meeting. Briefly discussed perimeters of inspection...adaptor and/or well casing.

A motion was made by Mr. Coon for the Deputy Attorney General to offer the restructured legislation to Representative Doug Jones for possible submission to the 2006 Legislative Session. Mr. Terrell seconded. Two ayes, one opposed and two abstentions. Motion passes by majority.

AIR ADMITTANCE VALVES: Mr. O'Neil, Studor, Inc., offered training to plumbing inspectors and contractors on the installation and limitations of the air admittance valve technology.

Mr. Schooley made a motion that air admittance valves, which have received a classified marking license from IAPMO Research and Technology verifying that the air admittance valve's meet ANSI or ASSE standards 1050 and 1051, be approved as acceptable alternative materials or methods of construction as allowed by the UPC Section 301.2. Mr. Terrell seconded. Two ayes, one opposed and one abstention. Motion carries.

APPRENTICES AND SUPERVISION: Mr. Terrell made a motion that IDAPA 07.02.05.011 be amended to replace "constant on-the-job" with "general" supervision and that the definition of general supervision be promulgated as was proposed in the board meeting materials. Mr. Schooley seconded. Motion unanimously carries.

TANKLESS WATER HEATERS: Board discussed tankless water heater's capabilities to adequately accommodation/fill single units vs. multiple units and code modification for stricter guidelines.

Mr. Coon made a motion to add this item to the agenda and discuss at the next meeting. Mr. Terrell seconded. Motion unanimously carries.

WORKING WATER HEATERS - FINAL INSPECTION: Discussion only regarding which agency/jurisdiction is responsible to ensure the hot/cold water lines are properly installed and "on" prior to a final inspection. No decision made.

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SQUARE FOOT-BASED PERMIT FEE: Mr. Keys briefly explained the Division’s vision for a “One Stop Shop”. One idea is to create a simplified method for calculating permit fees, to be used universally throughout the Agency. Board prefers flat rate fee based on toilet count, with majority of Board liking the discount fee suggestion. Mr. Keys to bring back a proposal to the next meeting.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Continuous discussion on continuing education. Mr. Keys gave a brief overview on the Electrical Bureau’s continuing education programs. Mr. Livesay working on a motion and will keep Board posted as it progresses.

RENTING CONTRACTOR LICENSES: Laws regarding contractor licenses last updated in 1988. According to statute 54-2611, no laws are currently being violated by plumbing individuals. Mr. Terrell requested the Deputy Attorney General to continue investigating into the subject and bring, to the next meeting, ideas to tie Plumbing closer with Electrical’s standpoint.

2006 MEETING SCHEDULE: Board requested a tentative telephone conference call, October or November, to review and approve “temporary” legislation. Ms. Christensen to confirm with appropriate individuals once documents are approved by the Division of Financial Management.

A motion was made by Mr. Terrell and seconded by Mr. Coon to accept the following 2006 Plumbing Board meeting dates and locations: February 3rd – Meridian, Idaho; April 21st – Pocatello, Idaho; June 2nd – Meridian, Idaho; September 15th – Post Falls, Idaho. All in favor. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS: Mrs. Woody presented a brief overview of the end of the year fiscal report; touching lightly on the Agencies budget requests.

“Old” career apprentices addressed. How to handle apprentices once they’ve completed the 4th year of school and unable to pass the journeyman exam. The Bureau to investigate further and discuss at the next meeting.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Firkins stepped down from the Chairman position as well as from the Board.

Mr. Terrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Livesay, to have Ray Coon be the next Chairman. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Terrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Coon, to have Bob Livesay be the Vice Chairman. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Coon made a motion to adjourn the Plumbing Board meeting. Mr. Terrell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The Plumbing Board meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Steve Keys
Bureau Chief

Date

John McAllister, Administrator
Division of Building Safety

Date

Ray Coon, Chairman – Plumbing Board

Date

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